

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week following
Palm Sunday (Palmarum) (April 2nd – April 8th)*

CATECHETICAL THEME:

Holy Week – The Passion of Our Lord

This Week's Catechetical Theme: Holy Week – The Passion of Our Lord

This week, our readings focus on the Passion of our Lord. While we have heard it before, we must carefully listen to it. Jesus' suffering and death on the cross is the center of human history. It is our life in a dying world. It is the center of God's love for us sinners. It is the miracle of all the centuries that God in human flesh dies and faces damnation for His creatures who have rebelled against Him. This is love beyond all telling, and yet, we must tell it again and again. God bless your time in His Word!

Invocation: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Ten Commandments & The Apostles' Creed

The Catechism:

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	Jesus Before Pilate Matthew 27:11-54		Psalm 103

Monday	The Lord's Supper Matthew 26:1-35	Leviticus 19	Psalm 104
Tuesday	Gethsemane Matthew 26:36-56	Leviticus 20	Psalm 105
Wednesday	The High Priest Matthew 26:57-27:10	Leviticus 21	Psalm 106
Thursday	The Praetorium Matthew 27:11-26	Leviticus 22	Psalm 107
Friday	Calvary Matthew 27:27-31	Leviticus 23	Psalm 108
Saturday	Job 19:23-27	1 Corinthians 15:51-57	Psalm 109

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Sun: Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon – Fri:** For each day's reading, discuss the following questions: 1) What portion of our Lord's passion does the day's reading reveal? 2) In what way does the reading reveal His suffering – how does He suffer? 3) What is the significance of this? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

Memory Verse

He was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed (Isaiah 53:5).

In Our Prayers this Week

For Those Undergoing Medical Treatments: Sheri Nolte, Marla Corry, Beth Jones (daughter-in-law of Mike Jones), Joe Childress (father of David Childress), Beth Mayer (niece of Mia Zimmermann). **For Those in Need of Healing:** Norman Kleiboeker, Alan Kleiboeker, Lynn Michael, Roger & Marilyn Sullens (father & mother of Linda Reckling). **For Those Who Are Dealing with Chronic Pain:** Barb Mueller, Sam Tepe (brother of Angie Siddell), Ariana Nolte, Randy Zimmermann, Connie Schilling. **Homebound Members:** Earlene Lange, Ruth Onken. **Baptismal Birthday:** Jacob Nolte, Brandi Gehrs, Mary Nolte (4/2), Susan Kleiboeker, (4/3), Brittany Potter (4/4), Dolores Tyberendt, Angie Langenhorst (4/6), Trent Albers (4/7), Steve Kleiboeker (4/8). **Anniversaries:** Tracy & Jill Schilling (4/6).

The Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer From the Small Catechism

Hymn of the Week: A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth (LSB 438)